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SUBJECT: MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW): REVISED UK
DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION

1. UK EMBASSY HAS PASSED ACDA NEW DRAFT UNGA RESOLUTION
ON MDW (TEXT TRANSMITTED BELOW) WITH REQUEST FOR DEFINITIVE
US REACTION TO ITS USE IN UNGA EITHER AS COMPROMISE SUB-
STITUTE FOR ANTICIPATED SOVIET CANDIDATE BASED ON THEIR
REVISED MDW TREATY DRAFT, OR AS WESTERN COMPETITOR. UK
ALSO DESIRES US VIEWS, ON APPROPRIATE TACTICS FOR ADVANCING
THE RESOLUTION. THE REVISED DRAFT REFLECTS UK CONSULTATIONS
WITH NATO GOVS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CCD WESTERN GROUP.

2. WE ANTICIPATE UK WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE IN GENEVA AT SOME
POINT BEFORE END OF SUMMER SESSION AND WE WILL PROVIDE
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YOU WITH GUIDANCE AT EARLY DATE. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
PRELIMINARY VIEWS USDEL MAY WISH TO OFFER.

3. TEXT OF REVISED UK DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MDW FOR UNGA:

RECALLING THE RESOLUTION OF ITS COMMISSION ON CONVENTIONAL
ARMAMENTS OF 12 AUGUST 1948,

GUIDED BY THE INTERESTS OF STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND DESIRING TO PROMOTE THE STRENGTHENING OF CONFIDENCE AMONG NATIONS AND THE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,

RESTATING ITS CONVICTION THAT SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCE SHOULD BE USED FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND;

RECOGNIZING THAT SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MAY REACH A LEVEL WHERE A SERIOUS DANGER ARISES OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW, STILL MORE DESTRUCTIVE TYPES OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION,

CONVINCED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCOURAGING THE APPLICATION OF NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION;

BEARING IN MIND THAT RECENT YEARS HAVE SEEN THE CONCLUSION OF A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS ON THE LIMITATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND DISARMAMENT, INCLUDING SOME RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AND LIMITATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION,

NOTING THE DISCUSSION AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE
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ON DISARMAMENT ON THE QUESTION OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURE OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION.

CONDEMNS THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DESTRUCTION WEAPONS

CALLS UPON STATES TO APPLY NEW SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF MANKIND,

REAFFIRMS THE DEFINITION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION OF ITS COMMISSION ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS OF 12 AUGUST 1948 WHICH DEFINED WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AS ATOMIC EXPLOSIVE WEAPONS, RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL WEAPONS, LETHAL CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, AND ANY WEAPONS DEVELOPED IN THE FUTURE WHICH HAVE CHARACTERISTICS COMPARABLE IN DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT TO THOSE OF THE ATOMIC BOMB OR OTHER WEAPONS MENTIONED ABOVE,

REQUESTS THE CCD TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE QUESTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION AND TO CONSIDER METHODS OF IDENTIFYING SUCH WEAPONS AND THE

DESIRABILITY OF ANY SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS FOR THEIR
PROHIBITION. CHRISTOPHER

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